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## 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Forest Innovation Workshop

### “The role of innovation in managing new challenges in the forest-based sector at regional level in the EU”

January 18th, 2023, 9:00-17:00 CET

At the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union,  
Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels

#### PROGRAMME

#### 8.30 Registration

#### 9:00 Section 1: Opening remarks

- Barbara Schretter, Director of the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the EU
- Clara Sandamian, Head of the regional Delegation of Castilla y León in Brussels

#### 9:15 Section 2: European framework for innovation in the forest-based sector

- European CAP Network: Support for social and technological innovation in the forest-based sector – Sergiu Didicescu, European CAP Network
- Partnerships for Regional Innovation: Influence on innovation in forest-based sector - Xabier Goenaga, DG JRC
- Financial context for innovation in forestry: European view - Felipe Ortega, European Investment Bank
- Financial context for innovation in forestry: Regional view - Martin Kihlberg, Swedish bank Landshypotek Bank

#### 10:40 Coffee break

#### 11:10 Section 3: Regional Authorities Round-Table Discussion on priorities for innovation

Moderation: Inazio Martinez de Arano, EFI Bioregions Facility

Introduction: Priority challenges of regions for innovation in the forest-based sector - Álvaro Picardo Nieto, Junta de Castilla y León & Tiia Talvisara, East & North Finland EU Office

Roundtable:

- Kurt Amereller, Bavarian State Institute of Forestry
- Roser Maneja, Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia
- Markus Hirvonen, Regional Council of North Karelia
- Leire Barañano, Basque Institute for Agricultural Research and Development
- Rastislav Raši, National Forest Centre Slovak Republic
- Martin Schwarz, Landesbetrieb Wald und Holz North Rhine-Westphalia

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## 12:45 Lunch

## 13:45 Section 4: Break-out Session 1: Presentation and discussion on innovation initiatives (See speakers list on the last page of this programme)

*In 3 rooms innovation initiatives will present their case with an introductory pitch, followed by in-depth discussion with participants. One room is dedicated to each of the following topics:*

- 1-Carbon Market, Bioeconomy, Climate Smart Forestry and Rural Development
- 2-Forest Degradation and Nature Restoration
- 3-Provision of Ecosystem Services

*In each topic, digitalization and social innovation will be addressed.*

## 14:45 Short Break for Rotation between Break-out Sessions

## 15:00 Section 5: Break-out Session 2: Presentation and discussion on innovation initiatives

Participants can rotate to another room to learn about other cases/another topic (same presentations as in Section 4)

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## 16:00 End of Break-out Session 2 and Re-Assembly in the Plenary

## 16:15 Section 6: Plenary Session-Reports from the break-out sessions

Report on main messages from the break-out sessions by the rapporteurs (5 minutes each)

- 1-Carbon Market, Bioeconomy, Climate Smart Forestry and Rural Development
- 2-Forest Degradation and Nature Restoration
- 3-Provision of Ecosystem Services

-General Discussion

## 17:00 End of workshop

### **More information**

Workshop moderator: Harald Mauser, European Forest Institute.

Workshop language: English.

Workshop cost: The event is free. Organisers cannot provide any support for travel and accommodation expenses.

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## Break-out sessions speakers

### 1- Carbon Market, Bioeconomy, Climate Smart Forestry and Rural Development

- The forest digitalization test laboratory - Leena Leskinen, Metsakeskus
- Circular use of engineered wood by a general take back obligation - Markus Stepler, DERIX
- Sustainable forest management of Alpine forests in North-East Italy - Giorgio Alberti, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

### 2 - Forest Degradation and Nature Restoration

- Restoration activities in two areas affected by wildfires - Paolo Battelli, Unione Dei Comuni Mediavalle Del Serchio
- Use of LiDAR and satellite for forest health assessment and monitoring - Tristan Perret, Forestry Club de France
- The role of regenerative forestry in safeguarding biodiversity - Timo Lehesvirta, Metsä Group

### 3 - Provision of Ecosystem Services

- Multi-Objective Decision Support System (CAFE) for forest management - Maurizio Cocchi, EUBIA
- Photogrammetry using drones under canopy and prototype in the form of a backpack with a stereoscopic camera - Rodrigo Gómez, CESEFOR
- A decision support system for optimizing forest ecosystem services in the context of a wood-based bioeconomy - Martin Brunsmeier, Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences

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